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The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide the details of the switch over to the new 2010 EMS Protocols. There will be three phases happening in rapid succession. The first phase is the distribution of the document. Signed copies of the protocols have been distributed to all active EMS personnel in the system. After distribution, the second phase will be system-wide training. These training sessions are scheduled to begin May 17<sup>th</sup> and continue daily for eight days (to May 24<sup>th</sup>). The third phase will begin May 25<sup>th</sup>, where we will distribute the new drugs utilized in the new protocols, pick up the no longer authorized medications and LCFR personnel will complete written protocol testing. The new protocols go live on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 0600 hours. Please note that the Combitubes will be used until the supply is exhausted, then replaced with the King Airways.

It is the desire of the Medical Director to move exclusively to the new protocols. However, to ease the switchover, there will be a transition period where providers will be able to use either set of protocols. Please note that providers will not be able to mix portions of the old protocols with parts of the new protocols on any single event. There will be a full month to assimilate the new protocols after the training sessions are completed. The old protocols will no longer be authorized after 0600 hours on July 1, 2010.

**Details:**

Distribution of the Protocols has occurred and Drugs Reference Cards will be distributed to the ALS providers shortly. Providers are strongly encouraged to immediately review the material. Please note the layout and format has changed dramatically and will require a comprehensive review by every system member. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, training sessions will begin via the county's Tandberg system. Providers need only attend one session. Use of the Tandberg system will allow personnel to attend the training without leaving their home station. These sessions are designed to last about two hours and providers will be encouraged to ask questions and discuss the protocols in these sessions. These training sessions will occur daily in the morning beginning the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there will be evening sessions nightly, except Saturday and Sunday.

**Training Session Times:**

Weekday Sessions    0800 and 1900 each day  
Weekend Sessions    0900 only each day

Persons attending the training should have their copy of the protocols in front of them for the sessions. Some details on the Tandberg displayed copy of the protocols will be unclear when transmitted, so it will be of benefit to be able to read and highlight certain areas of the new format.

ALL PROVIDERS will be required to be fully prepared for and be able to operate to the new protocols prior to July 1, 2010.

Attendance at one of these sessions will be mandatory for LCFR personnel and those personnel will also need to complete a test. Attendance and testing will be monitored by the shift officers. Testing will be open book. But the testing shall be an individual effort and not completed by the group. Officers will be emailed the test on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the tests will be due to the EMS BCs by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

To access the conference, personnel will need to turn on their Tandberg systems as normal. At the main screen, they should enter "10700" via the keypad of the remote and then push "Connect". This will direct their call to a prearranged conference channel. Please note: it will be the individual stations that phone into the conference and not a call from the central system. Therefore, your system will never ring and request to be answered.

Officers are strongly encouraged to sponsor additional training to supplement the Tandberg training. Open discussion of the new protocols will assist in successfully completing the test and, more importantly, learning the new material. Questions generated during these sessions may be sent to the EMS BCs for response.

Please direct any questions through your chain of command to the EMS Battalion Chiefs.